

Claims

1. A wound dressing comprising a foam layer of
soft, hydrophilic polymeric foam having bodyside and
5 backside surfaces; a base layer of elastomeric film
adhered to said bodyside surface of said foam layer; said
base layer having at least one generally centrally
located opening therein exposing said foam layer through
said opening; said base layer having a bodyside surface
10 coated with a hypoallergenic pressure-sensitive adhesive
for adhesively contacting wound and surrounding skin
surfaces at a wound site; and a vapor-permeable liquid-
impermeable elastomeric backing layer extending over said
backside surface of said foam layer thereto.

2. The wound dressing of claim 1 in which said
backing layer includes a peripheral edge portion secured
to said base layer about said foam layer.

3. The wound dressing of claims 1 or 2 in which
said backing layer is unattached to said backside surface
of said foam layer.

4. The wound dressing of claims 1 or 2 in which
said foam layer is composed of a soft hydrophilic
25 polyurethane foam.

5. The wound dressing of claims 1 or 2 in which
said elastomeric film of said base layer is gas-permeable
30 and liquid-impermeable.

6. The wound dressing of claims 1 or 2 in which a
flexible and stretchable foraminous layer extends over
the surface of said backing layer opposite from said foam
35 layer.

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9. The wound dressing of claim 8 in which said openings in said flexible foraminous layer are generally rectangular in shape and are arranged in a grid pattern.